

the places visited by him. As regards the purpose of the visit, please see answer (a).

223. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of appointing the permanent Chief Engineer as the permanent Special Officer ex-officio when Mr. P. Damodara Menon reverts to his permanent appointment, regard being had to the former's knowledge of engineering and other works, considerably supplemented even by his recent visit to the Continent?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government do not think it necessary to consider the question now. Mr. Damodara Menon's term has already been extended for a further period of six months.

Extension of service of Mr. P. Damodara Menon.

224. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mr. Damodara Menon was ordered to be retired in 1103 in the printed proceedings issued in 1102; if so, what were the special reasons for giving him extension;

(b) were there not officers in service to fill up Devaswam Commissioner's place;

(c) was not the present acting Devaswam Commissioner appointed to that post 10 days after Mr. Damodara Menon was given extension;

(d) how does Mr. Damodara Menon's case differ from those of Mr. P. Narayana Menon, ex-Judge of the Chief Court, and Mr. K. T. Thomas, Superintendent of Registration;

(e) are not the names of Messrs. Vengu Ayyar, K. Kochunni Menon and A. P. Antony included in the printed proceedings of officers ordered to be retired in 1104;

(f) do Government contemplate to reconsider the case of those officers to give them further extension; if so, is it because there are no competent officers in service to replace them?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Extension was granted later for the reasons contemplated in Article 201, C. S. R.

(b) There might have been; but no necessity arose at the time to consider this question.

(c) Yes.

(d) Each case was considered on its own merits and orders passed.

(e) Yes.

(f) No statement can be made on the subject at present.

225. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when does the present period of extension given to Mr. P. Damodara Menon expire;